



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Margaret McCullough
Project Director
Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Project
Bechtel National, Inc.
2435 Stevens Center Place
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Dear Ms. McCullough:

This letter serves as notification of the Office of Enterprise Assessments' Office of Enforcement's decision to conduct an investigation into the facts and circumstances associated with a worker injury during preparation of a plant cooling water piping system for pressure testing at the Hanford Site on November 4, 2016. Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) reported this event into the Department of Energy's (DOE) Occurrence Reporting and Processing System under EM-RP--BNRP-RPPWTP-2016-0018, dated November 8, 2016.

The Office of Enforcement will conduct this investigation pursuant to the authority set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 851.40(a), *Investigations and inspections*. The investigation will include an onsite visit and interviews with contractor personnel.

A request for documents to support this investigation will be provided separately via e-mail. Your cooperation to ensure timely submission of all documents to our office by the requested date is appreciated.

Under the Major Fraud Act (MFA), as amended, 41 U.S.C. § 4310, this investigation may be a proceeding commenced by the United States that relates to a violation of, or the failure to comply with, a Federal regulation. Costs incurred in connection with such a proceeding are subject to the reimbursement restrictions of the MFA implemented at 48 C.F.R. § 31.205-47. As a result, BNI should track any costs incurred that are directly attributable to supporting the DOE's investigation, subsequent to receipt of this letter, and segregate them from other potentially allowable costs.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 903-7707, or your staff may contact Dr. Anthony Pierpoint, Director, Office of Worker Safety and Health Enforcement, at (301) 903-0100.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Simonson

Director

Office of Enforcement

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